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This is the U.S. national stage of international application PCT/US00/11372, filed April 27, 2000. The cover page of the WO publication is attached as Exhibit A.

When the PCT application was filed, the Applicant claimed priority to U.S. application Ser. 09/300,959, filed April 27, 1999. See Exhibit A, item (30).

In addition, the United States was designated with the further indication "continuation-in-part" to reserve the right for the PCT application to be treated as a continuation-in-part of the priority application. See Exhibit A, item (63).

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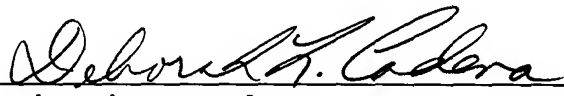
The Applicant hereby amends the application so that it is **not a continuation-in-part application**, and should not be treated as such under PCT Rule 4.14. Nevertheless, the Applicant expressly maintains the priority claim to U.S. application Ser. 09/300,959 under PCT Rule 4.10 and PCT Article 8(1).

Accordingly, a patent issuing from this application will have a 20-year patent term based on the international filing date of April 27, 2000.

The Examiner is invited to call Cathryn Campbell or the undersigned attorney with any questions.

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